List 13 World War II terms

**Allies** – Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States, which fought against Germany, Italy, and Japan (the Axis).

**Annihilate** - to reduce to utter ruin or nonexistence; destroy utterly (heavy bombing almost annihilated the city); to destroy the collective existence or main body of; wipe out (to annihilate an army).

**Axis** – Germany, Italy, and Japan, which fought against Britain, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States (the Allies).

**Anti-Semitism** – discrimination and persecution against Jews

**Bystander** - a person present but not involved; chance spectator; onlooker

**Concentration camp** – guarded prison camps created by the Nazis for political and other prisoners. It was to these camps that Jews, gypsies, Jehovah’s Witnesses and others considered “asocial” were taken. It was official Nazi policy to eliminate all the Jewish people by sending them to the death camps where huge numbers were starved to death, succumbed to disease, or were murdered.

**Crematory/crematorium** - a place, as a funeral establishment, at which cremation (reducing a dead body to ashes by fire, especially as a funeral rite) is done; a furnace for [cremating](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/cremate).

**Dehumanization** – the act of depriving of human qualities or attributes

**Deportation** – during the Holocaust, this term was a euphemism for the removal of Jews either from their homes to a ghetto or from a ghetto to a killing center.

**Extermination** – the act of getting rid of something by destroying (extermination of an enemy; extermination of insects)

**Euphemism** - the substitution of a mild, indirect, or vague expression for one thought to be offensive, harsh, or blunt (for example: “To pass away” is a euphemism for “to die”).

**Final Solution** – Nazi euphemism for the plan to kill the Jews of Europe. Part of the elaborate coded language devised and used by the Nazi command to keep the German people and the intended victims in ignorant of the plan.

**Genocide** – the intentional and systematic destruction of a religious, racial, national, or ethnic group.

**Holocaust** – from the Greek or Latin words meaning burnt whole or consumed by fire, it has come to symbolize the murder of 6 million Jews and others by the Nazis.

**Liberation** - the act of being [set](http://www.dictionary.com/browse/liberate) free or rescued; the act or fact of gaining equal rights or full social or economic opportunities for a particular group.

**Nazi** – members of Adolf Hitler’s National Socialist Party, a political party started in Germany that was based on hate, prejudice, and rule by threat of violence.

**Persecution** – bullying and ill treatment, especially because of race or religion

**Propaganda** - information, ideas, or rumors deliberately spread widely to help or harm a person, group, movement, institution, nation; the deliberate spreading of such information, rumors; the particular doctrines or principles propagated by an organization or movement.

**Scapegoat** - a person or group made to bear the blame for others or to suffer in their place.

**Totalitarianism** - absolute control by the state or a governing branch of a highly centralized institution; the character or quality of an autocratic or authoritarian individual, group, or government